

Public Safety Communication Systems

Statewide Interoperability Governing Board

Status Report on FirstNet/SLIGP Grant Activities

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DIVISION



Reporting on:

- FirstNet Initial Consultation Meeting
- SIGB “Use Case” Presentations
- FirstNet RFI’s
- Associations Outreach Status

FirstNet Initial Consultation Meeting is set for October 29th, 2014

**Where: Great Northern Hotel
835 Great Northern Blvd
Helena, MT
Telephone: (406) 457-5500**

Morning and afternoon refreshments and a working lunch provided

Please RSVP to dsullivan@mt.net so we can estimate attendance

The Draft Agenda:





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Draft Agenda (subject to change)
FirstNet and Montana
Initial Consultation Meeting
October 29, 2014

8:30	Welcoming Remarks	Montana FirstNet
9:00	FirstNet Update & Consultation Process	FirstNet
	State Update	Montana*
12:00	Lunch	
1:00	User Discussion	FirstNet
	Coverage Discussion	FirstNet
	Outreach Discussion	FirstNet
	Wrap-up & Next Steps	MT & FirstNet
4:30	Adjourn	

*Montana provides updates on current status of work in state around FirstNet, including information about governance team. State provides 3 or 4 examples of public safety communications at planned and unplanned events. FirstNet is looking for descriptions of how those events are conducted currently with mobile data, challenges and how they would be conducted if first responders had FirstNet

SIGB “Use Case” Presentations:

At the last SIGB meeting, we discussed FirstNet’s request that First Responders provide information about use of mobile data services or services you wish you had in terms of:

- **The incident to which you responded (daily, event, disaster)**
- **What the challenges were in accessing mobile data**
- **How response could be enhanced with a dedicated, mobile data network such as FirstNet**

Presenters:

- **Fire Fighters: Staff Capt. Patrick Longergan**
- **Sheriffs and Police: TBA**
- **Emergency Medical Services: TBA**
- **MHP: Capt. Gary Becker**

Brief presentations no longer than 5 minutes will be followed by interactive discussions with the FirstNet Team.



FirstNet issued a “Request for Information for Comprehensive Network Solution(s)” (RFI) and a draft statement of objectives which are intended to help FirstNet develop a comprehensive network acquisition strategy. The RFI and statement of objectives can be found at:

<http://www.firstnet.gov/sites/default/files/Request%20for%20Information%20for%20Comprehensive%20Network%20Solutions.pdf>

The RFI asks potential public private partners questions about : a. Acquisition Approach, b. Build, Deploy, Operate and Maintain the NPSBN, c. Financial Sustainability, d. Compelling and Competitive Pricing Packages, e. Accelerate Speed to Market, f. System Hardening, g. Priority and Preemption, h. Opt-out RAN Integration, i. Integration of RANs and Infrastructure on a Cost-Reimbursement Basis, j. System Reliability and Restoration, k. Lifecycle Innovation, l. Customer Care and Marketing, m. Facilitate FirstNet’s Compliance with the Act and Other Laws, and, n. Additional Information.

Limit responses to 75 pages

Issued on September 17, 2014. Must reply by October 17, 2014—EXTENDED to October 27, 2014

Based on responses and consideration, FirstNet will issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to build-out the core and random access networks. The base period for the vendor award is through 2022, with options for extension. Note that under RFI Section IV. Constraints, Limitations and Assumptions, 2. “The NPSBN solution should anticipate construction of the NPSBN on tribal lands and engagement with tribal nations”.



Nearly concurrently, on September 24, 2014, NTIA issued a notice in the Federal Register entitled “First Responder Network Authority Proposed Interpretations of Parts of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012”. The FR Notice link: http://www.ntia.doc.gov/files/ntia/publications/fr_firstnet_rfc_09242014.pdf

The Announcement states: ‘As a newly created entity, however, we are also confronted with many complex legal issues of first impression under the Act that will have a material impact on the RFP’s, responsive proposals, and our operations going forward”.

Simply stated, the ACT refers to certain terms but does not define them. In order to place the First Responder Network on a firm legal basis, FirstNet is proposing definitions of terms and seeking comment on: a. Elements of the Network, b. Public Safety Entities, c. Secondary Users, and Other Users, d. Public Safety Entities, e. Public Safety Services, f. Services, g. Defining the Term “Rural”, h. Existing Infrastructure, i. User Fees, j. State Core Network User Fees, k. Lease Fees Related to Network Capacity and Covered Leasing Agreements, and, i. Network Equipment and Infrastructure Fees

Comments are due by October 24, 2014—EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 27, 2014



Outreach and Education Efforts:

- **Talked with MSFCA Officers via Telephone Conference on August 6, 2014**
- **Presented to MSPOA Program and Services Committee on September 18, 2014 at Kalispell MSPOA meeting**
- **Presented to MEMSA membership-approximately 80 members-at Billings on October 2, 2014**

Jim Deteinne, Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems/DPHHS addressing MEMSA Membership



Warren Dupuis, COO, SITSD and Montana FirstNet SPOC, addressing MEMSA Membership



Presentation Links:

<http://firstnet.gov/resources>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPbZy2wrTGk>

<http://www.verizon.com/powerfulanswers/solutions/publicsafety/>

Thank you

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